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Our Docket #	Serial #	Date Filed	Title
STE-022.01	10/389,454	March 14, 2003	Schemes for Ultrasonically Connecting Electrical Conductors

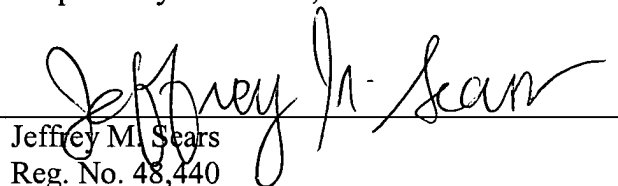
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Respectfully Submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	5,435,863	07/25/95	Frantz		
	AB	5,658,408	08/19/97	Frantz, et al.		
	AC	5,855,706	01/05/99	Grewell		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						YES	NO
	AD	EP 0 567 426 A2	27/10/93	Europe			
	AE	DE 4321874	12/01/95	Germany			X
	AF	WO 98/49009	05/11/98	PCT			
	AG	DE 19810509 A1	16/09/99	Germany			X
	AH	DE 10110048 A1	05/06/02	Germany			X
	AI	WO 02/098636 A1	12/12/02	PCT			X

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